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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CANADIAN NOTE ON CAB PROPOSED CHARTER RULE CHANGES

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY ON JUNE 2 SUBMITTED FOLLOWING NOTE TO DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE CAB: QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF CANADA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ISSUED BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTS BOARD ON MARCH 14, 1978, DEALING WITH THE LIBERALIZATION OF UNITED STATES AIR CHARTER RULES. THE EMBASSY ALSO REFERS TO THE SUGGESTION MADE BY THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON MARCH 15 AND 16 INVOLVING DELEGATIONS FROM CANADA, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE, THAT GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING.

IN LIGHT OF THIS SUGGESTION, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO REAFFIRM THE POSITION TAKEN ON THIS MATTER BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION DURING THE ABOVE

MEETING. CANADIAN AUTHORITES ARE OF THE VIEW THAT THE PROPOSED UNITED STATES RULES, IF IMPLEMENTED, ARE LIKELY TO HAVE HIGHLY DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON SCHEDULED SERVICES ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC. INCLUDING THOSE BETWEEN CANADA AND EUROPE. CANADA WOULD THEREFORE URGE THE UNITED STATES TO RETAIN SUFFICIENT RESTRICTIONS ON THE PURCHASE OF CHARTER TRANSPORTATION ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC TO ENSURE THAT TRAVELLERS REQUIRING OR WILLING TO PAY FOR FLEXIBILITY AND CONVENIENCE OF TRAVEL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SCHEDULED SERVICES BEING OPERATED PRIMARILY FOR THEIR BENEFIT. IN CANADA'S VIEW, THE MODEST RESTRICTIONS ON CHARTER SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PURCHASE OF CHARTER-COMPETITIVE FARES ON SCHEDULED SERVICES (E.G. SUPER-APEX). THIS COMBINATION CAN PRODUCE A STABLE COMPETITIVE BALANCE BETWEEN SCHEDULED AND CHARTER SERVICES WITHOUT CAUSING HIGHER PRICES OR UNACCEPTABLE INCONVEN-IENCE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

THE EMBASSY OF CANADA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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